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Your Life Depends Upon Millions of Tiny Boats Travelling Along Your Blood Stream Loading and Unloading Cargoes

NATURE operates a marvellous transportation system along the many miles of arteries, veins and capillaries forming the blood stream. Along this stream millions upon millions of tiny boats hurry, loading and unloading cargoes without ever stopping at a wharf.

These cargoes are far more precious than diamonds or rubies, or gold or silver. They contain the elements that keep you alive.

Here Is What They Carry.

One of these cargoes is oxygen which the tiny boats load in with when they are passing through the lungs. They carry this oxygen to all the cells everywhere in your body. If these tiny boats went on strike and refused to carry oxygen for even a few seconds, you would perish for lack of this vital element.

Another cargo these boats carry is nutriment from the food you eat. Your digestive organs load up these tiny boats with nutriment, which is carried to all your body cells to repair the wear and tear that is always going on.

Still another cargo these tiny boats carry is gas poisons which are constantly being generated in the body cells. These gas poisons are carried to the lungs where they are unloaded and breathed out into the open air.

Weakness Develops When Blood Count Falls.

A person in normal health has a fleet of about 25 million million of these little boats, which are, in reality, the Red Corpuscles. When the number of these boats falls below normal, the person naturally falls below normal. In health, too, because there are fewer boats to bring vitally-necessary oxygen and strength-building nutriment to the body cells. A low number of Red Corpuscles is known to the medical profession as a low blood count. The lower the blood count the more serious the condition. If your blood count is only 10% below normal it means that you have actually lost more than two million million of these cargo-carriers.

A microscopic blood test will show whether your blood count is below normal. But you can tell without that, by the way you feel. There are symptoms that are associated with a blood count below normal, such, for example, as indigestion, constipation, nervousness, general weakness, pale

lips, poor complexion. A run-down, tired-out, chronically-fatigued person nearly always has a blood count below normal.

If you have these symptoms of a below-normal blood count it would be advisable to take for a while a preparation that has been proven effective in increasing the blood count. In a test held recently by a pathologist at a leading hospital in Canada a number of men and women, whose blood was microscopically examined and blood count found below normal, were given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a period of four to five weeks to determine the value of this preparation.

Here Are Some Typical Results.

One woman's blood count increased from 3,600,000 to 5,300,000 red corpuscles. In the cubic millimetre of blood. A second woman from 4,100,000 to 5,200,000. A third woman from 4,500,000 to 5,500,000.

One man's blood count increased from 4,700,000 to 6,200,000. A second man from 4,900,000 to 5,200,000. A third man's from 5,000,000 to 5,400,000.

In every case where the blood count was below normal, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills increased it. Naturally the patients in all these cases reported that they felt very much benefited—vigor and strength increased, appetite keener, nerves better, digestion improved, a keener desire to work and to do things.

What To Do To Increase Blood Count.

If you, too, need your blood stream revitalized you cannot do better than to take this clinically-tested, scientifically-proven preparation, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It will put new life, pep and power into your system—make you feel like a new person.

You may not need to take this remedy for more than 30 days. In any event you'll feel so much pep, stronger, more vigorous at the end of that time that you'll need no urging to continue the treatment until the number of boats in your Red Corpuscle fleet is built up to normal and your health restored to par.

Full directions for taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are given with each package. They are obtainable from chemists everywhere.

Popular Bird Fallacies BLACK AND WHITE Canadian Business Reviving

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ABSURD STORIES

By Angus MacVicar

Only the other day I read in a popular magazine a rather hysterical article making the accusation that migrating swallows are killed by certain firms of tinned-food packers in France and Italy, by means of electrically-charged wires, which are erected in the pathway of the birds so that they may congregate upon them.

Apparently, therefore, this amazingly childish notion, which has been repeated time and again during the last decade, has not yet completely died out, even under the influence of modern scientific knowledge.

Just how a resting bird manages to direct the current through its body, when it is perched on a better conductor than itself, and is not in contact with any other conductor, is not explained. And just how much profit could be secured from the corpses of many hundreds of swallows, after the expense of erecting and charging the wires, is difficult to understand, even if the bodies were not "fused."

Swallows and house-martins rest on telephone wires in Scotland and do not show much discomfort.

Another popular bird fallacy is connected with the swift. In some parts of the country the swift, or devil-bird, is still counted as foretelling bad weather when it appears; but the fact that the swift is a rapidly increasing species is overlooked.

Probably when the swift was a rare bird, many years ago, its appearance in certain localities was followed by rain, if the winds which drifted it over were from a wet quarter. But nowadays if rain was to be expected every time a swift appeared there would be a continual downpour.

STORM AT SEA

To many people in the West of Scotland a seagull flying inland implies a coming storm. Certain gulls and other marine birds, may, indeed, be wind-blown inland, and their appearance in unexpected places may be the result. But their presence merely indicates strong winds at sea; for it is during or after a storm that these unfortunate appear.

Even this does not apply to all gulls, for the black-headed gull has increased enormously during the last forty years or so, and is now an inland as well as a coastal species. The bird has simply established itself where food is plentiful, nesting on hills and moorland far from the coast, and feeding with the crows in the cultivated fields.

It is not surprising that myths connected with the migration of birds still remain, for many problems baffles even the experts. But the astonishing belief clinging to the cuckoo, which some gamekeepers declare turns into a sparrowhawk in winter, must surely soon die out.

THE BLACKBIRD'S MATE

That anyone should doubt that the cuckoo is a migrant is all the more extraordinary since the bird has enjoyed so much publicity. Paragraphs and columns have been written regarding the so-called discovery of the "cuckoo's secret" by men who certainly would not know the bird if they saw it, and probably know less about the cuckoo than the boy who described it as a bird that did not lay its own eggs.

Coat Frock Of Faille And Pique

WINTER STYLES



A smart black-and-white scheme. Coat—frock of black faille, with white silk pique reverse, vest and button-hole. Black faille hat with stiffened net brim.

AN APPLE A DAY

"AN apple a day keeps the doctor away," is a wise old adage, but to eat the apple without washing it is to take half measures only. Generally, it is not known where it comes from, and how many unclean hands have touched it. There is no telling how long it has lain exposed to the dust and dirt of the street. To rinse it in water is not sufficient; it should be washed thoroughly with soap and water so that all the dirt is removed, and, if it is well rinsed, the soapy taste will not remain.

Townfolk often fail to recognise the difference between the axes of the blackbird, and claim that they have found a blackbird and a thrush interbreeding. The male, it should be noted, is always the "black" bird, while the hens vary considerably in the depth of the brown plumage and in the distinctness of the spots upon the breast. If such a crossing has ever occurred under natural conditions the proof is still lacking.

An often repeated fallacy is that the trustees of the British Museum offer a fabulous price for the nest of a kingfisher, the idea being that it is impossible to move the litter of fish-bones upon which the eggs lie.

As a matter of fact, however, in museums all over the country nests have been successfully mounted.

almost 10% of her population, on relief. This is a weary burden, but borne philosophically, because the need is so obvious and because the average Canadian is sure that continuing improvement will lift the load.

The railway problem is not so easily faced. In spite of improved revenues and drastic economies, the National railway is still costing Canada, largely in interest, over \$75,000,000 per year. Those who advocate amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific, believe that amount can be saved in annual economies.

But without such amalgamation, or a more effective co-ordination, or a great and early increase in population, the Canadian peoples, even with the better times in prospect, must face the alternative of an increasing tax bill and in accumulating national debt, a debt which already amounts to about \$4,500 for each Canadian family.—United Press.

BUT MILLION ON RELIEF

BETTER TIMES NEARING

Montreal, Dec. 14.

Business conditions in Canada have shown steady improvement during the past year, and have now reached a point only 6.4 per cent. below the 1928 normal, as shown by October government statistics. Electric power production, automobile manufacture, mining and newspaper are the industries which have shown the greatest advance. Canada, unlike the United States, has not departed to any great extent from the more orthodox tenets of political economy. There is no N.R.A., although the conservative government, which is now in power, has introduced considerable liberal, if not radical legislation.

One of the first distinct steps towards recovery, followed the signing of the Ottawa agreement in 1932. These treaties between Great Britain and the Dominions provided for freer trade within the Empire, and involved in some cases tariffs and quotas upon goods from foreign countries. As a result Canadian products found broader and readier markets within the empire, and while she in turn imported more from the other Dominion colonies, a favourable trade balance was maintained. Considerable trade with United States markets was transferred to England and the dominions overseas.

The Federal government ameliorated the condition of the Western farmer by the formation of a central wheat agency at Winnipeg, to maintain a fair price for Canada's basic export and to prevent bearish raids by speculators and hasty selling by frightened or hard-pressed producers. While this move has, until now, greatly curtailed the wheat export from this country, it has given Canadian farmers a better price, and greatly increased the buying power of the west. Wheat prices are 100% better than at the lowest level, and with the United States supply insufficient to meet domestic demands Canada has found a new market for both hard and soft grains, and at a high price level, in spite of tariff barriers.

LIVE ON LAND

Of every 100 Canadians, 26 get their livelihood from the soil. Throughout the depression years farm products decreased sharply in value, while production maintained a fairly even keel. At the present time the value of the Canadian dollar in terms of foreign currencies is now at a higher level than for many years, and gilt edged Canadian bonds are bringing higher prices than at any time since 1911. The interest saving from the new oversubscribed Dominion conversion loan, which sold at an interest rate ranging from 2 to 3½%, will amount to \$14,000,000 yearly.

Due to such savings and other drastic economies, together with considerable rise in customs and other returns, the Dominion government revenue this year so far, has exceeded ordinary expenditure by over \$14,000,000.

There are some shadows on the face of the waters ahead of course. Chief among these are the vast humanitarian expenditures necessitated by unemployment, and the heavy deficit from the Canadian National railways.

MILLION ON RELIEF

In spite of recent improvement, Canada still has a million people. (Continued on Previous Column.)

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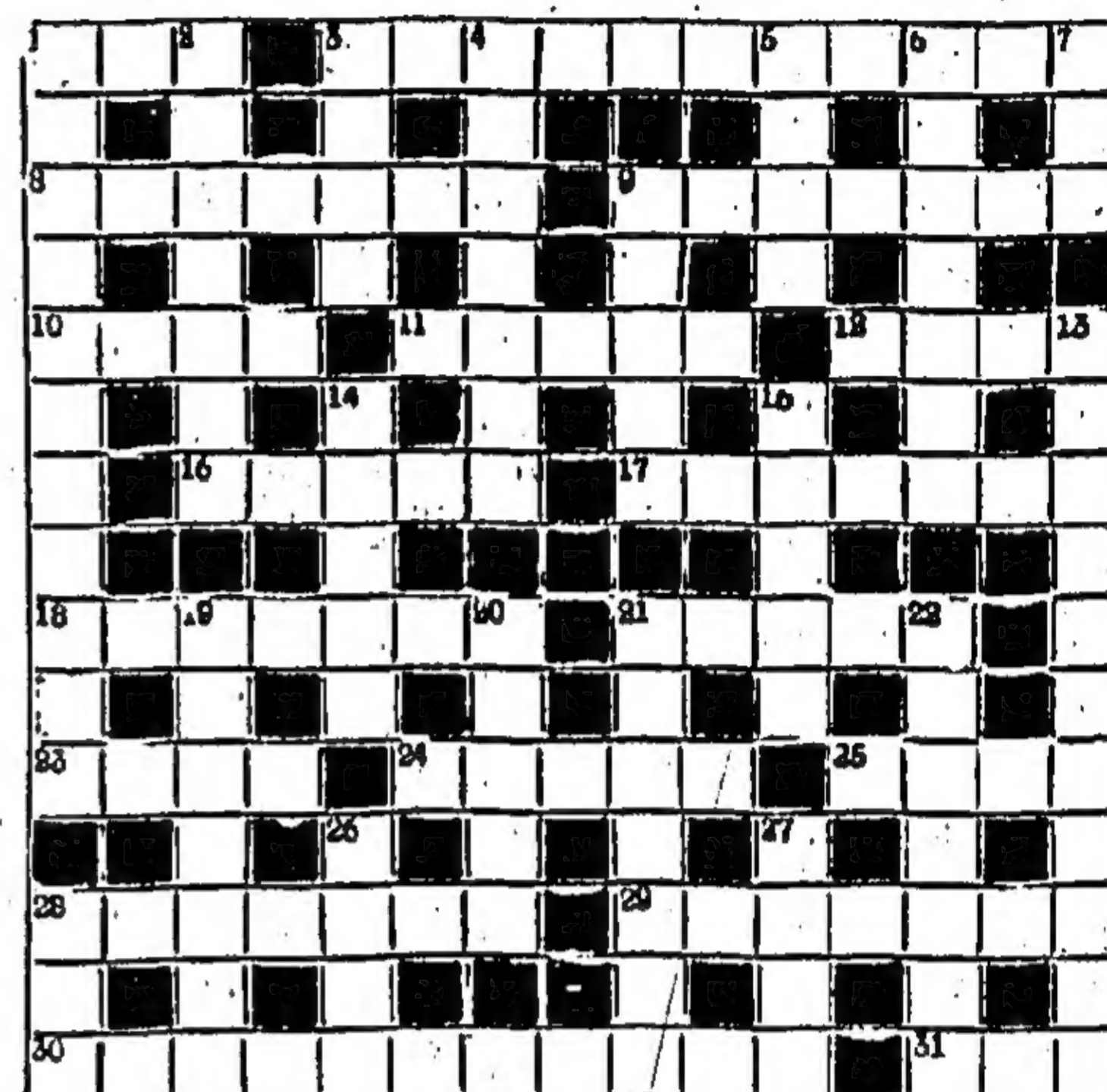
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- When this crowd is stirred more than one 28 may be seen.
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- Tip case (anag.).
- Just the garment for an anaemic child, though not in the latest fashion.
- You must admit that the bird couldn't be nearer the edge.
- The fisherman's distance.

Down

- There is old fashioned advice in such introductions.
- The land of freedom.
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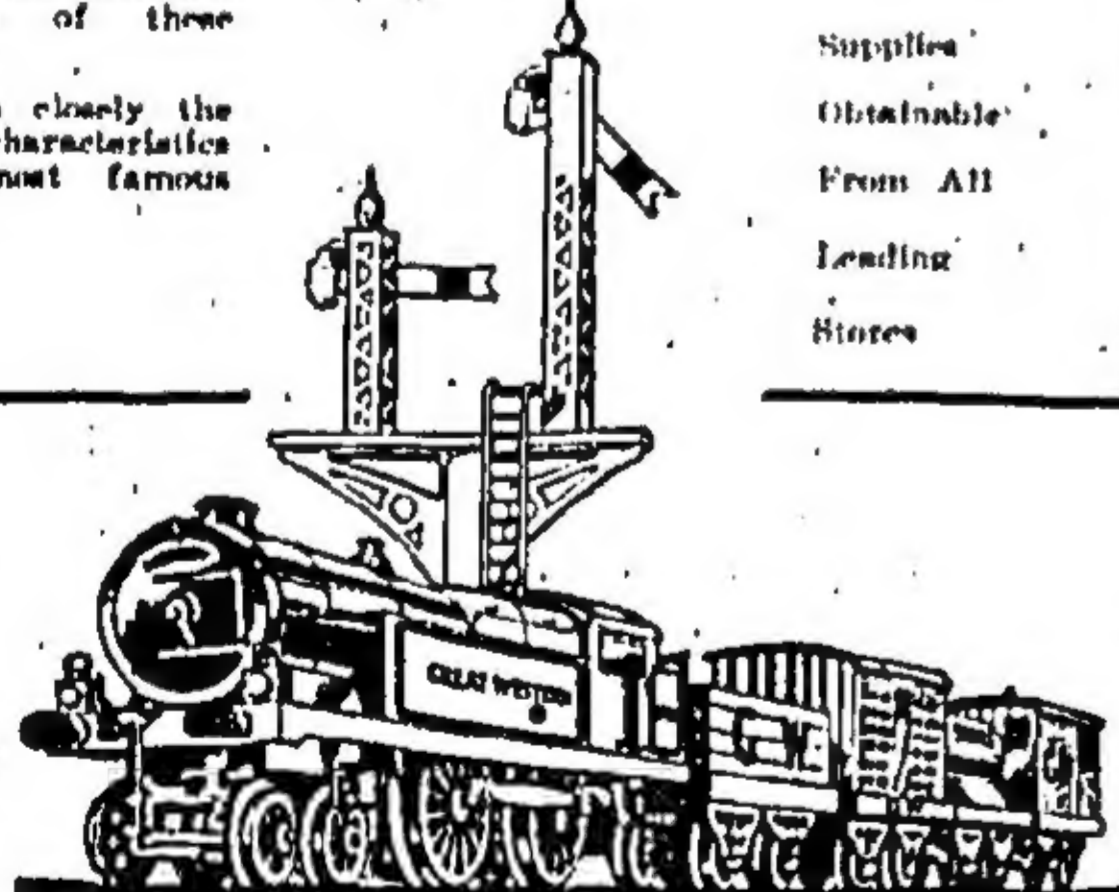
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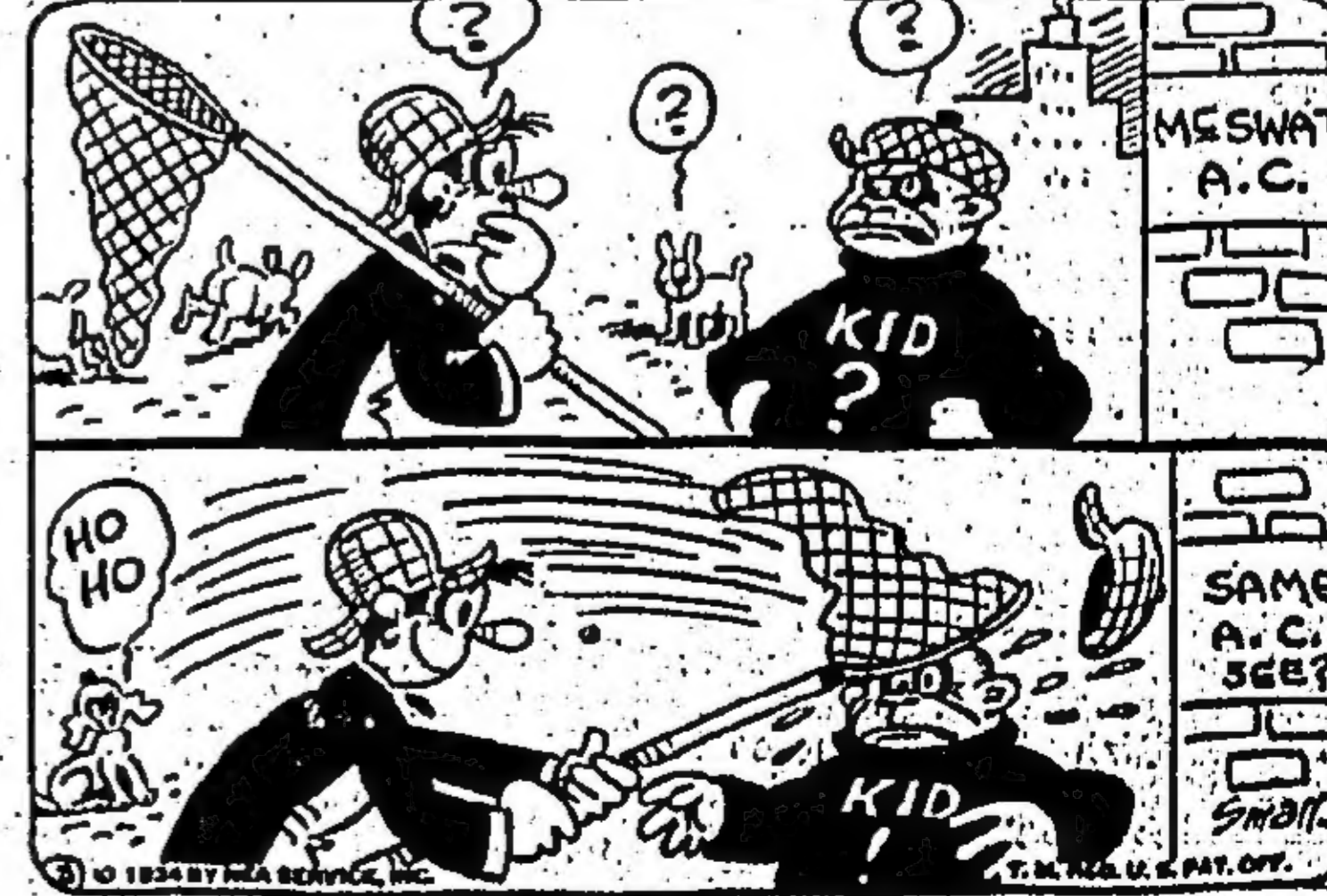
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AMERICA'S SECRET WAR ON GANGDOM CHICAGO'S LAWLESS FELL BEFORE STRATEGIST

By FREDERICK W. CARR

WHEN a fresh move of Al Capone for freedom was rejected a few weeks ago by the United States Supreme Court, the gangster's latest defeat emphasised anew the care of the Government in running him down and proved the possibility of a slip in crime's best defences. The erstwhile "Public Enemy No. 1" would be out on the streets to-day save for a legal blunder. The mistake is costing him nine years in prison. Some of the history of the famous trial which does not appear in the court records is now related by Capone's prosecutor, Mr. George E. Q. Johnson. As the United States District Attorney at Chicago at that time, Mr. Johnson devised and carried through the campaign against the gang leader, both in and out of the courts. Through his strategy the gangster and most of his partners were sent to the penitentiary in probably the most important series of prosecutions of organized crime that America has seen. It is not commonly known how slight was the hold the Government was able to fasten on the gangsters. If the Capone defence had pleaded the statute of limitations in his behalf at the trial he probably would have gone free. Now, for the third time, he has gone to the Supreme Court with the statute of limitations, but it has been too late, and the court has refused him.

"We found it extraordinarily difficult to obtain any evidence connecting Capone with crime," his prosecutor recalled. "Finally, after all our work in questioning hundreds of underworld people, in hunting witnesses for as long as a year and a half, and in developing the best legal argument we could, we had to admit to ourselves that our case against the leader of the crime syndicate was thin."

ONLY ONE HOPE

"Our single possibility of reaching him was for violation of the income tax law, for we could try him only for breaking a federal statute, and there was no other federal law with which we had any prospect of success. But Capone had so cleverly hidden himself in his operations, keeping no bank account, holding no property in his own name, signing no cheques, always working through others, that he was almost invisible and invulnerable."

"A chance raid on one of his gambling houses, however, had once led him to forget himself. Five years before, three courageous residents of Cicero had gone to a justice of the peace, obtained a warrant, and with that in hand had the boldness to raid a gambling joint in their community."

"Cicero is a manufacturing district adjoining Chicago. It was then the headquarters of the Capone gang. They used it as their base in working in Chicago."

"Nothing like that raid had ever happened in Cicero. The gamblers couldn't believe it and stood around dumbly watching while the three citizens began scooping thou-

sands of dollars into sacks and collecting the gambling apparatus for use as evidence.

"Then came a knock of authority on the door. Half dressed, Capone demanded to know the trouble. 'I'm the owner of this joint,' he announced. The hoodlums turned on the raiders. They beat and mutilated one and shot another."

\$2,000,000 A YEAR

"That single admission of ownership was all the United States Government could find to connect Capone's income with his unpaid income tax. Yet some of his partners, we had learned, took in as much as \$2,000,000 a year."

"The raid was five years old. It was a question whether it was not outlawed by the statute of limitations. This law holds that after a certain time a crime cannot be prosecuted. Whether the period was three years or six years in cases of income tax evasion was then doubtful. The United States Supreme Court had not yet ruled."

"We took our chance and went ahead in the hope of six years. The jury found Capone not guilty on all of the counts against him except one carrying a two-year jail sentence and a second concerned with this Cicero raid. By now Capone would have served the jail sentence and be out."

"The lone possibility of a penitentiary sentence, in fact of a sentence of any length, came through that accidental adventure against crime undertaken by two Cicero business men and a preacher. We knew well how doubtful the Cicero count was because of the liability that the passing of time had outlawed it."

COSTLY BLUNDER

"As the time in the trial came when Capone's lawyers could have argued the statute of limitations, we on the Government's side expected them to do so. It would have been almost the obvious thing. However, to our utter astonishment, Capone's counsel failed to plead the statute of limitations!"

"The law requires that this step must be taken during a trial. It cannot be invoked afterward. Not long afterward the United States Supreme Court decided that a violation of the income tax law could be prosecuted was three years. But the evidence on which Capone's prison sentence was based was five years old. The Supreme Court's ruling of three years would have knocked out the verdict of guilty on the count which sent Capone to the penitentiary for eleven years."

"The hope on which we had based this important part of our case was thus knocked out by the Supreme Court, but once having let slip the opportunity to raise the question of the statute of limitations, Capone could not recover it again."

"His attorneys have been strug-



You've heard of sailors on shore leave going canoeing and busmen on holiday taking bus rides, and here's a parachutist's idea of enjoying a day off. Students in the parachute school at Tushin airdrome in Russia are celebrating a new jump record by tossing one of their co-ed classmates in a version of the army blanket game.

alling unsuccessfully with this statute ever since the Supreme Court's three-year decision. They have been diehards."

SECRET PLANS

Mr. Johnson, as prosecuting attorney, depended upon secrecy to further his efforts. He did not attempt to convict the gangster in the newspapers but in the courts. It would take more than talk to break down the greatest crime organization in the country, the district attorney knew. It would also take much more than silence. It required the most ingenious and persistent study and drive that the federal prosecuting staff could provide.

Running down Capone was war. Chicago did not know it. The quiet-spoken, unassuming prosecutor did not hint it. But from his bleak and rather dingy office in the Federal Building he was for several years directing the demolition of Capone's crime corporation before Capone was brought into court. Three miles away, in the Lexington Hotel, Capone was generalizing the counter-attack. Each studied the other, and each hunted the other.

Witnesses the state had unearthed had to be concealed for their protection. During previous gangster prosecutions the Government had seen its witnesses slain. Hence, after the Government got a good Capone witness, its next task was to preserve him.

KEPT ON STEAMER

One of its strongest was a former Capone bookkeeper. The



A sightseeing air trip ended in disaster and a famous California pilot and three passengers were killed near Los Angeles. W. E. "Tommy" Thomas piloted the sightseeing ship, whose wreckage is shown above after it crashed on a hillside.

OLD MAESTRO TO RETIRE

QUITS NEW YORK FOR ITALY

New York, Dec. 14.

The Metropolitan, an Opera company, looks sadly forward to the end of the season because it will be

Government did not risk keeping him in this country pending the trial, but paid the captain of a ship to take care of him, and kept the witness sailing up and down South America for five months.

"If we had told our plans," commented the former United States Attorney, "we should have had, no case. Publicity would have destroyed all we were trying to do. You can't convict gangsters if you tell the newspapers what you are going to do."

"I have seen some crusades against crime accompanied with great publicity fade out with nothing accomplished. The rule I worked on was to seek no publicity, confine what I had to say to what had been done, and to make no prophecies or announcements for the future."

"Our success in convicting gangsters testifies to the soundness of this policy in dealing with our own problem. There were of course many reasons why we did not lose a case that we took up against the underworld. This was one of them."

But while Johnson was puzzling how to reach Capone, Capone was seeking to ruin Johnson. The gangsters investigated their prosecutor, his habits, his relatives, his friends. They sought to call him off by threat and by bribe. They sent high politicians and business leaders to him. They set traps for their pursuer, but always without success.

"Money was simply not a temptation to me," remarked Mr. Johnson simply. "I come of Swedish farmer stock, and my upbringing made the thought of taking money when in office abhorrent. I don't take the least credit to myself for refusing money. It merely had no attraction for me."

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The "continued and exhausting hardships" of a directorial career extending over 42 years caused Signor Gatti-Casazza to arrive at his decision only after prolonged consideration and reflection.—United Press.



This English lad is winning his spurs in Hollywood, playing the title role in "David Copperfield." He's Freddie Bartholomew, who's getting plenty of plaudits for his work in the Dickens masterpiece and a nice handful of English money, besides. Freddie draws £35 weekly for his acting.



The "brain trust" which guides the destinies of Soviet Russia is shown in this unusual picture, taken recently as the government leaders stood on the tribune of the Lenin mausoleum in Moscow while K. E. Voroshilov, army commander, addressed troops and civilians in Red Square, on the 17th anniversary of the revolution. Left to right are A. A. Andreyev, land transport Commissary; Joseph Stalin, Communist party Secretary General, real ruler of Russia; Lazar Kaganovich, Senator Governor of Moscow; Voroshilov, War and Marine Commissary; V. M. Molotov, Chairman Union Council of People's Commissars; A. V. Zhdanov, A. S. Yenukidze, and Michael Kalinin, one of the chairmen of the Union Central Executive Committee.

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THE MEANING OF
STATE MONOPOLY

(Continued from Page 4.)

governmental trading and expenditure. It was natural, therefore, that politicians who had control of the spending departments should be continually courted for the favours they could dispense.

However open to abuse the State monopoly system may be, there are no signs that it is likely to disappear, if only for the reason mentioned at the outset—the needs of national defence which are held to necessitate State ownership of an increasing number of undertakings. It is obvious that private enterprise looking for profit wants to build railways which will be economically profitable. The country as a whole, however, has also to think of strategic considerations when the risk of invasion exists. Governments must therefore control, or at least supervise, the building of railroads. Similarly, civil air transport is in general not yet a paying proposition. But it plays a vital part in the organisation of defence. Therefore governments must either subsidise it or run it themselves. The former alternative is increasingly leading to the latter as, for instance, in France, where after years of subsidising, the airlines have now been centralized into a single company under Government auspices. Today, the civil air services are either State-owned or under more or less strict Government control, practically throughout Europe. National defence needs, however, go far beyond transport. Thus France has established a mono-

poly of artificial nitrates which are not only useful in agriculture but also an indispensable factor in the making of munitions. The Polish Government has a monopoly of the fertilizer manufacture of the country for the same reason. Similarly the French Government has a monopoly of industrial alcohol of which it sells some 3,500,000 litres a year at a profit of about 900,000,000 francs. This business is a direct legacy from the War when the Government found itself with huge stocks on its hands. As then, the management of the business is conducted by the Explosives Department of the French administration.

Not all monopolies are as profitable as the French alcohol monopoly. But it has to be remembered that they are not always expected to yield a cash revenue. Their role is sometimes to pay their dividends in a greater feeling of security. Apart altogether from the exigencies of national defence, governments are often forced into business owing to the difficulty of finding private capital for attractive investments. Among the poorer countries, the State is generally the only considerable capitalist in the country. This fact is largely responsible for the post-war extension of the State monopoly system in many lands. Thus, when Mustafa Kemal came to power in Turkey he was faced with the alternative either of inviting foreign capitalists to build the railways which he considered necessary for the country's economic development, or of building them under government auspices. He chose the latter method. In 1923, there were 4,086 kilometres of railway track in Turkey, of which 1,734 kilometres belonged to

the State and 2,352 to private concerns. The Ghazi took over the latter and for several years devoted one-tenth of the total budget to railway construction. Over 2,000 kilometres of new lines have already been built and paid for in this way and the end is by no means yet. But transport is only one of the Turkish Government's industrial activities. It has taken a monopoly of the salvage work in the treacherous waters of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. It has reorganised the sponge industry, built factories, organised liquor and tobacco industries. Its "five-year plan," announced toward the close of 1933, includes the construction of State factories covering among other things, textiles, metallurgical goods, coal, briquettes, copper, sulphur, cellulose, china, chemicals, petroleum products, electrical power. Private enterprise, provided it is Turkish, will be allowed to participate in most—perhaps all—of these industries. Nevertheless, lack of capital will result in many of them being actually State monopolies, at any rate for a considerable period. It would be easy to continue indefinitely this recital of State monopolies, but for one fact—that the statistics have never yet been made fully available. This does not appear to be due in any way to a wish to conceal. It is the result merely of a lack of curiosity on the part of the public. The subject is, however, so interesting and withal so vitally important to a right understanding of the present economic and social trends of the world that it is to be hoped one of the great investigating organisations, will see fit to allocate funds for the purpose of making a thorough inquiry.

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE
THEATRES

Creating a "composite picture" of the mental impressions of more than a hundred million people in the exciting directorial task that confronted Victor Fleming, who directed "Treasure Island," adventure classic based on Robert Louis Stevenson's famous book—the most widely read pirate story ever written. The picture is showing at the Queen's Theatre. "This responsibility to the vast number of readers estimated by publishers to have been thrilled by Stevenson's book has resulted in the strictest care in every phase of production for the picture," declared Fleming, director of many other adventure films. The adaptation of the book prepared by John Lee Mahin has been faithful to the spirit of the original even to the extent of actual excerpts from dialogue and descriptions. When I read the instructions for scenes I tried to follow what Stevenson himself wrote, rather than to make a motion picture version based purely on the action. In settings, we were confronted with a situation that made attention to detail imperative. Mention the "interior of the apple barrel," "the Stockade," "finding the treasure," "the adventure ship Hispaniola" to most anyone who has read the story and he can give you an exact description from his personal imagination. We have tried to achieve an "ideal" in design in each set that will seem familiar as childhood memories. "Design of costumes has followed the popular conception of pirate garb with simplicity that will make them seem real and take away any sense of period dress. Other technicalities of the picture such as firearms, cutlasses, cannons and other items in pirate life were prepared under the supervision of Dwight Franklin who is considered to be America's leading pirate authority and formerly with the Museum of the City of New York. All these elements enter into Fleming's direction in which he says there has been a constant fidelity to Stevenson. The author's influence, he maintains, is to be all important in reaching the reading public, and those who are not familiar with the story will enjoy one of literature's greatest thrills on the screen. One of the most wonderful casts of the year stars Wallace Beery as Long John Silver, and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy actors in situations that even surpass the appeal of their work together in "The Champ." Lionel Barrymore plays Bill Bones, with Otto Kruger, Lewis Stone, Nigel Bruce, "Chic" Sale and dozens of other character players in supporting roles.

"Aunt Sally"

"Aunt Sally" is a bright and snappy picture which combines exceedingly entertaining mixture of song, dance and spectacle, with lively dialogue. Cicely Courtneidge is the star of this admirable mixture, framed for fun and jollity which moves along at a dancing tempo, and right well does she play her role. Her irresistible foolery, whether as a "cool" French artist, a servant maid, or when she takes part in the rough and tumble of an Apache dance, is undoubtedly the finest she has yet given us in films. Her vitality is amazing in a part ranging from burlesque to knockabout, and her personality impresses its stamp on everything she does. As to the story, that scarcely seems to matter when Cicely's on the screen, but it is concerned with her ingenious never-say-die efforts to become a cabaret star. In support are Sam Hardy, who came all the way from America to play his role of the night club king; Hartley Power and Ben Weston as gangsters; and Billy Milton, Phyllis Clare and Tubby Cipin. Tim Whelan directed.

"The Merry Widow"

Resplendent in its strikingly beautiful settings and costumes, filled to the brim with sly, ingratiating humour, telling a romantic tale that cannot fail to delight every onlooker, and echoing the never-to-be-forgotten melodies of Franz Lehar, "The Merry Widow" will come on Saturday to the Queen's Theatre as one of the most glorious film treats ever offered by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. With a cast that could not be improved upon and the superb direction of Ernst Lubitsch this picture floats along like a bubble of happiness to tell its story of the debonair prince and the bewitching widow whom he waltzes away to romance amid the nocturnal delights of gay Vienna and Paris. Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald have never enjoyed greater triumph. They sing the Lehar songs as they have never been sung before, backgrounded by a magnificent symphony orchestra. Una Merkel and George Barbier help in the humorous scenes and the eye-filling dances and Albertina Hensch ballets

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGEMARKET FIRM BUT
DULL

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz: *The Wall Street Journal* report on Monday's markets:—The market was firm but dull, some groups advancing as much as two points. Selling was moderate and demand very light, due to November earnings reported to be lower. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregular. Bonds were quiet with movements irregular. Wheat was dull but steady.

S. C. and P. New York office cables:

Stocks: Stocks were moderately higher in a dull session.

Cotton: Textiles were active with firm prices. Spinners were more inclined to "spot" buying, based on the close of foreign markets as their main support.

Grains: Wheat: Scattered realising checked advances. The situation here appears sufficiently balanced to render the price trend dependent largely on foreign markets. During the week there was a visible decrease of 2,933,000 bushels. Corn: Weather prospects are expected to increase feeling and retard the movement of liberal purchases. The Argentine has reported a visible decrease of 108,000 bushels. The professional element was bearish.

Dow-Jones Averages:

	Dec. 22.	Dec. 24.
30 Industrials	99.73	100.69
20 Rails	35.41	35.57
20 Utilities	17.00	17.28
40 Bonds	95.10	95.14
11 Commodity	60.53	60.14

17 Leading Stocks

	Dec. 24.
Amer. Can.	111
Amer. Smelt.	37 1/4
Am. T. & T.	103 3/4
Auburn	25
Case	53 1/2
Ch. & D.	94 1/2
El. Co. & S.	6 1/2
Gen. Motors	32 1/2
Int. T. & T.	8 1/2
McIntyre	40 1/2
Montgomery Ward	28 1/4
Nat. Distillers	28 1/2
N.Y. Central	20
Socoy. Vacuum	14
Union Pacific	105 3/4
U.S. Steel	37
West. E. & M.	34 3/4

are a joy to behold. "The Merry Widow" is the grandest to come out of Hollywood in a long long time.

"Dames"

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"Caravan"

"Caravan," Erik Charell's unique and spectacular musical romance now showing at the King's Theatre, has its setting in the Toiyas district of Europe during the grape harvest. Harvest scenes, therefore, are naturally important in the film, and a big vineyard was built as one of the sets. Charles Boyer, Continental favourite, Loreta Young and Jean Parker have the chief roles in "Caravan."

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1934.

SILVER SMUGGLING

The anxiety being displayed by Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Finance Minister, over the continued smuggling of silver out of the country provides further evidence of the fact that the embargo measures have not succeeded in one of their main objectives, the prevention of a drain on the nation's currency. The mere fact that silver values in China are markedly below the level prevailing outside is a direct inducement to smuggling, of which certain interests have not been slow to take advantage. And the disparity in prices is wholly accounted for by the policy which the Nanking Government has adopted. A great effort is now to be made to check this smuggling, by an increase of fines on those engaged in the traffic and by the offering of big rewards to informers. But measures of this character do not go to the root of the trouble. There have been persistent rumours lately that the Government intends embarking on a policy of currency devaluation, but these have been strenuously denied in official circles. Inflation, it is stated, would not be practicable in China, with its varying currency standards. All the same, past experience has shown that denials of the intended adoption of certain lines of action have on more than one occasion been falsified by subsequent happenings, and it is no doubt this consideration which keeps the present rumours alive. Two reasons have been cited as cause for the existing restrictions on silver exports—the protection of the nation's currency, and the restoration of a more favourable trade balance. Events have, as already stated, shown that the embargo measures have failed under the first of these headings; we have encountered no authoritative statement as to their effect on the trade balance. But it is clear that if China is really concerned on this latter issue, she will have to dive deeper into the problem than the taking of steps to deal with silver. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the President of the Executive Yuan, must have had this point in mind recently when he stated that the nation's economic difficulties needed fundamental measures for their settlement, such as the development of agriculture, the prevention of dumping, and the development of other resources. Unfortunately, most of these measures would take time to evolve and their effects

NOTES OF THE DAY

CUTTING PROFITS

Wall Street is smiling at the efforts of the United States Administration to put “light money” back into circulation. The Administration plans to achieve this much-to-be-desired objective by reducing the rate of interest paid by the savings banks. In other words, they will endeavour to discourage saving. “Spend,” seems to be the admonition of the Government, the idea being that by securing a greater earning public will result. As for the argument of Wall Street that even if the banks pay nothing whatever people will still put their money there for safe-keeping, because they are afraid of the foundations of business and will not risk their savings in commercial enterprise, that is perhaps sound. The psychology may be truthful when applied to the small salaried man who saves for the rainy day, but it is hardly likely to apply in the same degree to the gentlemen who live on the interest of their bank accounts. It is these gentlemen with the big cash holdings whom President Roosevelt is anxious to pry loose from their wealth.

ITALY'S EXPERIMENT

Italy is going to practice what she has been preaching. The experiment of a forty-hour week for workers is to be tried out until April 16 next year. Overtime is to be abolished in principle. This scheme is the result of an agreement between the Italian Employers' Confederation of Industrialists and the corresponding association of employees. The chief aim is to help with the solution of the unemployment problem. Though the Italian experiment cannot claim to be the first of its kind, the results will nevertheless be watched with the greatest interest in other parts of the world. A shorter working week has apparently played a prominent part in President Roosevelt's recovery drive. Will there be any analogy in the Old World? In Great Britain, a few important firms have been able to take on more hands by reducing hours, without cutting down wages.

OPINIONS VARY

Italy, it will be remembered, was responsible for the question of a forty-hour week, as a part solution of the unemployment problem, being raised at the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations at Geneva. So far, the discussions have revealed a marked divergence of opinion. The workers' delegates have strongly championed the proposal. The employers, as a body, have opposed it. While governmental opinion varies, the majority do not appear to be convinced that an international agreement on the subject would yet be justified. Some say that sufficient information is not at the moment available. Perhaps, when Italy, the United States and possibly a few more countries have the results of their own experiments to record, a more useful debate will be possible at the Geneva International Labour Conference.

BILLION DOLLAR TRADE

Mr. Manuel L. Quezon, slated to be president of the Philippine commonwealth next year, tells interviewers that he will do his utmost to help American business men retain their present \$1,000,000,000 market in the islands after independence goes into effect. But he points out, also, that whether this market is kept depends chiefly on the American Congress. The Philippine Government, he says, will protect the United States with quotas or tariffs if assured of preferential entry into the American market for Philippine goods. This trade with the islands is large enough to be well worth keeping. It can be kept, as Mr. Quezon says, if the United States will approach the problem intelligently. It should not be too hard to find a way of doing it without, at the same time, working any injustice on American producers.

would be slow in developing, whereas the problem is one which calls for prompt action. However, so long as it pays to smuggle silver out of the country, and so long as provincial authorities are implicated in the process, so long will the restriction scheme prove ineffective. It therefore remains for China to devise other measures for dealing with the issue. Inflation would be disastrous. Therefore the most that can be done at the moment would appear to be some well-devised plans for discouraging undue imports, coupled with the removal or amendment of the embargo measures, which have become quite ineffective in producing the results desired.

THE MEANING OF STATE MONOPOLY

By GODFREY LIAS

ONE of the lesser known signs of the change that is in progress in the social and economic structure of the world is to be found in the rapid growth which is taking place in the number and extent of State monopolies. In many countries, apart altogether from the Soviet Union, the system of State monopoly has already driven private enterprise from such important strongholds as the railways, salt and alcohol, the radio, matches, fertilizers, tobacco, air and sea transport and a mounting number of other industries. The Communist experiment in Soviet Russia seems to have acted as a brake rather than as a spur to the movement.

Among the many reasons for the State's growing interest in these matters can be cited need for an increased revenue, lack of sufficient private capital, and the needs of national defence. In countries which are not in a position to raise much revenue by direct taxation, the State monopoly offers a convenient method of making both budgetary ends meet. In industrially backward countries, the private citizens have neither the inclination nor sufficient savings to invest in public companies. Consequently, if large-scale industry is to be started it must either be with foreign capital or under the auspices of the Government.

In the heyday of the roaring twenties of this century American and English money flowed like water into all sorts of good, indifferent and thoroughly bad enterprises in many lands. To-day, however, the stream is dammed. And even if it were not, there has in the last three years been such a mighty wave of economic nationalism that foreign capital is no longer so welcome as it used to be. Economic nationalism, however, is from one point of view merely an expression of a nation's determination to keep its individuality from falling under a foreign yoke, whether territorial, culturally or financially. It is a form of self-defence—springing from the same root cause as armaments. And it is this almost universal anxiety as to the requirements of national defence that seems to be the most potent factor in promoting the growth of state monopolies. While the fear of invasion exists, it is obvious that the question of transport is of paramount urgency. Hence, above all, the fact that in nearly every European country the railways are a State monopoly, and the air lines increasingly so. Great Britain is the only European country in which the State has no part nor lot in the railway business. Sometimes the railways are partly owned by the State and partly by private companies. In most of these cases, however, the State has assumed responsibility for the working of the private concerns. Thus, in France, the State actually owns only one-fifth of the railway tracks. But it controls the remaining four-fifths, fixing freight and fare rates and limiting the dividend payable to stockholders. In regard to the last item the French railways have for some years been losing money and the State has had to put its

hand into the taxpayers' pocket to make up the deficit.

In Sweden the railways are operated under a kind of semi-monopoly system by means of an advisory council under State auspices which controls both privately and publicly-owned lines. In Denmark, on the other hand, the State contents itself with the ownership of the majority of the shares in most of the railway which do not belong out-right to the State. Going outside Europe, we find nationalised railways the rule in the British Dominions. In Japan and China both kinds are to be met with. So they are in South America where only one country, Venezuela, has no State railways. There is a striking lack of unanimity among the countries which possess State monopolies as to whether the management should be in the hands of a government department or placed on a so-called “business” basis. Thus (confining ourselves for the moment to railways), Belgium, which used to employ the former system, has recently turned its lines over to a board of management of 21 members, of whom 18 are appointed by the Crown as possessing suitable business qualifications and the remaining three by the railway employees. Finland, on the other hand, in spite of having transferred most of its other State activities into companies, has so far made an exception in the case of its railways. Germany, thanks to reparations, has a technically autonomous system. So has Rumania. Poland prefers the departmental method. So does Czechoslovakia.

One of the chief criticisms leveled against the departmental system is that it, as too frequently happens nowadays, the railways make a loss instead of a profit, the State budget is “in the red” to a corresponding amount whereas if the railways are organised as an autonomous company, the loss appears separately in the railway accounts. Perhaps a more potent criticism, however, is the desire to keep the railways out of politics. It was for this reason that Rumania changed her railways over from departmental to autonomous management three or four years ago. The danger of political chicanery in State enterprises is not of course confined to railways. One of the causes advanced for the downfall of the parliamentary regime in Yugoslavia are responsible for about one-fifth of the total revenue, most of the profit coming, incidentally, from the tobacco monopoly. A list of the Yugo-Slav monopolies includes salt, matches, cigarette papers, petroleum and explosives in addition to railways and tobacco. Thus the State is not only the largest trader but the largest consumer in the country. Among the contracts it has in its pocket may be mentioned coal, metals and rolling stock for the railways; leather, clothing and provisions for the army; timber products and chemicals for making matches and so on indefinitely. Thus the economic life of the country is mainly dependent on

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The Very Idea!

Come—Hic—and Gone

By George

Christmas has come and gone.

This is the sort of deep and subtle remark which comes naturally to our mind after a Christmas.

Another little gem of intellectual talent is this: Christmas comes but once a year.

Unfortunately many other things have come and gone with Christmas—turkeys, good intentions, and depression.

Reports are still coming in of the manner in which the festive season was spent, though so far, only one arrest has been made—that of a well-meaning youth who wished “A Merry Christmas” to a police inspector who was on duty.

The Inspector's reply not coming up to the required degree of warmth, the youth threw himself on the Inspector's neck and, holding aloft a sweet sprig of mistletoe, placed a luscious kiss upon his cheek.

The office presented a gay scene on Christmas Eve as tailors and reporters mixed together a sort of editorial cocktail—and gave each other cigarettes and Christmas cards. The managers absolutely abandoned themselves to the atmosphere of Christmas and distributed hand shakes and good wishes in a lavish manner.

The shops had a great time and took a good revenge on those customers whose accounts had been stopped. There were several cases of people getting stuff from one firm on somebody else's account in exchange for something from another firm on their own and vice versa.

Of course all this bosh is not getting us away from the real issue. You are all dying to know how we spent our Christmas. Well, so are we.

However, with the assistance of the police, night watchmen, and an analysis of the alcoholic content we hope to be in a position to place the salient facts before you by the time that the New Year is on.

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Juliet Lowell

Dog Gone It!

RKO Theatre
86th Street & Lexington Avenue
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Dear Mr. Manager:
The man at the box office wouldn't allow me in with my Pekingese. I think that's carrying things too far. What harm could the pictures do to a little dog like that?

Mr. Allan D.
(signed)



The man at the box office wouldn't allow me in with my Pekingese.

What's In A Picture?

Lopez, Tay, P. I.
Nov. 27, 1925.

Miss Mary Pickford
Beverly Hills, Calif.
Miss Mary:

As a Filipino girl govern by the American, kindly please send me one of your picture? I hope for the arrival of your picture.

No more to narrate you but giving thousand thanks and my flying best regards.

Affectionately yours,
Zosima.

Am I He?

Chester Morris
Beverly Hills, Calif.
Dear Chester:

It's a thrill to look like you. I get an invitation to pretty near every party here in town and surely get in right with girls cause they say I look like Chester Morris.

If you would send me money to come to Hollywood, we could be sure who is the original Chester Morris. I could pack up in an hour or would you want it sooner? I know your married but that wouldn't interfere.

If you would like, I can be out there for your birthday February 16th.

Your friend,
Jack Tramine.
(signed)



"I don't care if she is your grandmother; I couldn't stand by and let her ruin that turkey."

ARSENAL TAKE COMMAND OF THE FIRST DIVISION

Sunderland's Return To Prosperity

STRONG LEANING FOR THE SCOT

By Frank M. Carruthers

Sunderland have contributed golden pages to the history of the game since the days when they were known as the team of all the talents.

In the midst of a sorely depressed area on the north-east coast they have had to bear many troubles, but under the handicap of dwindling gates they contrived not only to keep going but to build a grand team.

To-day they have their reward. Prosperity has returned and they have their best side for many years.

Sunderland have always had a strong leaning for the Scot. Curiously enough it is now believed that they owe their success to putting their faith in the English player.

The other day it was said, "When Johnny Cochrane went to Roker he thought all the best footballers lived in Scotland, and he quickly got a colony together. But he has been compelled to change his ideas completely and build the team on entirely different lines."

UNCHANGED VIEWS

Mr. Cochrane shook his head when I asked him if he had changed his outlook. "Six years in England," he said, "have not caused me to alter my views so far as the theory and practice of the game is concerned. In many respects methods in England and Scotland are identical. The pace in England is undoubtedly faster, but, as is inevitable, the greater speed makes the play less accurate."

Mr. Cochrane believes that the standard of play in England has advanced in recent years, although the fabric of the game has been altered by the introduction of the centre back. "As a Scot," he adds, "I am convinced that this improvement is to be traced to the importation of Scottish players and the beneficial influence which they have exercised."

There is no short cut to success, Mr. Cochrane declares, in English football. The League is far stronger than the competition in Scotland. In England no team, no matter what their standing may be, can reckon on ever having an easy match.

But there are always great possibilities provided a manager has the confidence and backing of his directors and players, and if he has the ability to spot talent in the raw. Add a little luck and a reasonable bank balance to draw on and all should be well.

Ice Hockey Makes Hit

SIMPLER LAWS NEEDED

By Geoffrey Simpson

All the signs are that ice hockey, in this its first really big season in England, has made a definite hit with the public.

Attendances are being maintained at an encouraging level, and there seems no reason why the game should not win a permanent place in British sport.

I took another look at it the other night—and still liked it—but, once again I was left with the impression that most of those around me were bewildered by the constant stoppages and the substituting of players.

Repeated efforts are being made to educate onlookers in the rules of ice hockey, but I think I am right in saying that fully 60 per cent. are still very much in the dark as to what the referee is about when he stops the play.

SIMPLER LAWS NEEDED

I am sure the offside rule baffles even referees at times. A rink is divided into three zones by blue lines, and a player is offside if he skates over the defenders' line even one inch in front of the man in possession.

As players travel at about 25 m.p.h. the deciding of a question of inches must frequently be mere guesswork.

Stealing an idea from football, why should not an ice hockey forward be ruled offside only when he is behind the back for the reception of a pass?

Football's offside law would simplify ice hockey tremendously and also make for fewer stoppages. And everybody would understand it—which is the main thing.

There are other confusing points in the game, and it would be a good thing if there could be framed a fresh code of laws which the average person could understand.

YACHTING

Mrs. Adams Wins "A" Class Race In Series

On Monday the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held the Menagerie and separate "A" class race. It was over a course of 6.2 miles, and resulted in a win for Mrs. Adams, piloting True Blue.

Following are the results:

Finished	Position
Gull (Miss J. C. Mackie)	2
True Blue (Mrs. D. Adams)	1
Pat (Mrs. E. Elliott)	3

HOME RUGBY

The London Welsh defeated Cross Keys by 8 points to 7 to-day.—*Reuter*.

SUNDERLAND TROUNCED BY EVERTON

BRENTFORD ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON DRAW WITH BURNLEY

Several alterations in the standings of the teams in English Football League tables were caused as a result of the Christmas Day matches.

Sunderland have at last given up the leadership of the First Division to the Arsenal. They were trounced to the tune of 6-2 yesterday playing away to Everton. The Arsenal who were at home to Preston N. E. won by five goals to three.

Stoke City moved down to fifth position as a result of their defeat at the hands of West Bromwich by three goals to nil.

In the Second Division Bolton drew with Burnley with the result that Brentford, who recorded a win by the odd goal in three playing at home to Plymouth, move to the top of the Table, one point in front of Bolton.

The full results of yesterday's matches and the standing of the leading teams are as under:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	5	Preston N.E.	3
Blackburn	0	Portsmouth	0
Chelsea	2	Aston Villa	0
Everton	6	Sunderland	2
Grimsby	3	Tottenham	0
Leeds	1	Manchester C.	2
Leicester	0	Huddersfield	3
Wednesday	2	Hillingham	1
West Brom	3	Stoke	0
Wolves	5	Derby	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	Goals
Stoke	21 12 1 8 45 33 25
Manchester C.	21 12 3 6 41 33 27
West Brom.	21 11 1 6 53 43 24
Liverpool	21 11 1 6 53 43 24
Sunderland	21 11 6 5 46 30 27
Arsenal	21 11 4 6 48 29 28

SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool	4	Oldham	0
Burnley	0	Holton	0
Brentford	0	Fulham	0
Brentford	2	Plymouth	1
Bury	2	West Ham	4
Manchester U.	2	Notts County	1
Newcastle	1	Nottingham	0
Port Vale	1	Bradford C.	0
Swansea	0	Southampton	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	Goals
Brentford	21 14 4 3 55 28 32
Bolton	21 15 1 5 54 27 31
Manchester U.	21 15 0 6 47 28 30
West Ham	21 14 2 5 46 33 30
Notts Forest	21 11 5 5 43 30 27
Blackpool	21 11 4 6 43 31 26

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	1	Bristol R.	2
Bournemouth	3	Exeter	2
Bristol C.	1	Northampton	1
Charlton	6	Swindon	0
Coventry	4	Gillingham	0
Luton	4	Brighton	0
Millwall	2	Reading	0
Newport	0	Watford	1
Queen's P.R.	6	Clapton O.	3
Torquay	7	Crystal Palace	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	Goals
Crystal Pal.	19 9 5 5 38 36 23
Coventry	19 10 4 5 42 30 24
Luton	20 9 6 5 37 23 24
Charlton	20 13 3 4 51 26 29
Reading	19 11 3 5 47 23 25
Watford	14 10 3 6 36 24 23

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barnley	1	Tranmere	0
Chester	5	Stockport	1
Crewe	2	Southport	1

English Tennis Rankings

INTERESTING COMPARISON BETWEEN FRED PERRY AND "BUNNY" AUSTIN

Below are some interesting facts and statistics published by *Lawn Tennis and Badminton* in their November number concerning the official English Lawn Tennis rankings for 1934.

The official rankings were as follow:

1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1. F. J. Perry	1	1	1	1	1
2. H. W. Austin	2	2	2	2	2
3. H. P. Hughes	3	3	3	3	3
4. N. Sharpe	4	4	4	4	4
5. E. H. Hare	5	5	5	5	5
6. E. C. Peters	6	6	6	6	6
7. F. H. D. White	7	7	7	7	7
8. H. J. Ritchie	8	8	8	8	8
9. G. Freshwater	9	9	9	9	9
10. K. C. Gaudin	10	10	10	10	10
11. G. H. D. Tuckey	11	11	11	11	11
12. H. G. Lee	12	12	12	12	12

LADIES

1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1. Miss D. E. Round	1	1	1	1	1
2. Miss M. C. Scriven	2	2	2	2	2
3. Miss K. E. Stammers	3	3	3	3	3
4. Mrs. M. H. King	4	4	4	4	4
5. Miss P. James	5	5	5	5	5
6. Miss N. M. Lyle	6	6	6	6	6
7. Miss I. Nichol	7	7	7	7	7
8. Mrs. Whittington	8	8	8	8	8
9. Miss J. B. Pittman	9	9	9	9	9
10. Miss K. M. Dearman	10	10	10	10	10
11. Miss M. H. Harwick	11	11	11	11	11
12. Miss K. Noel	12	12	12	12	12
13. Miss J. C. Ridley	13	13	13	13	13

It will be noticed that F. J. Perry retains the top position; and as winner of three of the

to six oversens Davis Cup players—all four of the Australian Davis Cup team, and to R. Menzel in Cairo and G. Palmieri in Rome—and lost to D. N. Jones after 47 games at Wimbledon.

The most notable form outside our Davis Cup team this year has been shown by N. Sharpe and C. E. Hare. Sharpe has suffered only two defeats at the hands of home players, G. E. Godsell at Bedford and I. G. Collins in Scotland. Among the Davis Cup players Sharpe has beaten are Miki (twice), Kirby, Nishimura, Fuji-kura, Rogers and Anderson; more-over his wins over the only ranked Englishman he met this year—E. C. Peters and R. K. Tinkler at the Queen's spring meeting and E. R. Avery at the Covered Courts Championships—leave no doubt as to his progress since his recovery from an ankle injury. Few home players can afford to back themselves in a match against Sharpe these days, and he rightly takes his place again among our leading players.

C. E. Hare appears in the lists for the first time, and his position at number five reflects his meteoric rise during a busy season. His claims to recognition were recognised officially when he was sent to Paris and selected for the German tour with the British team.

His list of victims includes the following:—F. J. Perry in an inter-county match, C. Nacayert and E. R. Avery at West Side, J. F. G. Lysaght and A. Merlin at Bournemouth; H. S. Burrows and C. M. Jones at Harrigate, Kuhlmann and Nacayert on his German tour, D. G. Freshwater at Scarborough, M. Bhandari and R. K. Tinkler at Glenageary, I. G. Collins at Glenageary, and he has beaten L. Sham and C. M. Jones twice each. Hare has only fallen to two Englishmen during the year, to R. J. Ritchie at Rochampton and to H. G. N. Lee in a county match. He has lost twice to Pronn, Stedman and Miki, amongst others, but has seldom been beaten easily. Many will recall his 38 game match against Stedman at Hampstead, his 40 game match against Andrews at Eastbourne and his 22 game match against Pronn in Birmingham.

Harwick. Her overseas victims include Mrs. Molesworth (twice), Mrs. Andrus, Miss Hartigan, Mrs. Howard, Miss Couquerre, and Miss L. Row. Mrs. King has fallen to Miss Stammers, Mrs. Whittington, Miss Round (twice) and to Mrs. Pittman.

Her list of victims includes Miss Round in Jamaica, Mrs. Pittman at West Side, Miss Ricketts at Bournemouth, Mrs. Stammers at Wimbledon; whilst on her American tour she beat Miss Nuthall twice, Mrs. Van Ryn, Miss M. Hunt, and Mrs. Hester, a fine record for one chiefly regarded as a doubles player until this year.

THE FORM OF THE LADIES

Miss D. E. Round's victory in the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon necessarily gains her the first place in the ladies' list. If confirmation were wanted that she is Great Britain's best lady player one could mention her victories over practically every other English ranked lady during the season, Miss Stammers in Jamaica and at Bournemouth, Miss Scriven at Bournemouth, Miss Nuthall at West Side, Mrs. M. R. King at Bournemouth and Wimbledon, Mrs. Whittington at Bournemouth, and Miss James at West Side, Bournemouth and the Priory tournaments.

Miss M. C. Scriven, French lady champion for the second year in succession, has a record second only to Miss Round, with three defeats only at the hands of English women.

Miss K. E. Stammers has had her best season in her short career, and steps up one place to third. Miss Round alone of English ladies has beaten her during the year—at Bournemouth and in Jamaica.

Miss F. James has made the greatest progress of any English lady during the season and has been awarded fifth position, an advance of seven places. She has only suffered defeat from two English tournaments and Miss Stammers twice in America.

PERRY'S MATCHES

We give below the results of F. J. Perry's chief matches during the year:—
 At A. K. Quist, Melbourne, 6-3 6-6 6-2.
 At H. C. Hopman, Hobart, 9-7 and by 6-1 6-7.
 At H. C. Hopman, Australian Championships, 6-3 7-5 6-1.
 At J. Crawford, Adelaide, 6-4 6-2.
 At H. C. Hopman, Perth, 6-7 6-3.
 At A. K. Quist, Perth, 6-2 7-5.
 Versus E. V. Bohn, Bombay, 5-6 7-5.
 At H. C. R. D. Tuckey, Middlesex v. Surrey, 7-5 6-1.
 At P. V. Sherwood, Middlesex v. Surrey, 6-0 6-1.
 At H. C. R. D. Tuckey, Bournemouth, 6-1 6-4 3-6 6-1.
 At H. C. E. Malroy, Bournemouth, 6-4 7-6 6-1 6-0.
 At H. Miki, Bournemouth, 6-2 6-1 6-2.
 At V. G. Kirby, Bournemouth, 7-5 6-1 6-3.
 At J. Crawford, Bournemouth, 6-4 7-5 6-1.
 At A. Merlin, I. C. Match, Paris, 6-0 6-7.
 At J. Crawford, Paris, 6-1 6-1 6-1.
 At F. Merlin, Paris, 6-2 6-1 6-4.
 At H. C. Hopman, Paris, 6-3 6-4 6-3.
 At H. C. R. D. Tuckey, Wimbledon, 6-2 6-3 6-7.
 At R. N. Williams, Wimbledon, 6-2 6-3 6-0.
 At H. Menzel, Wimbledon, 6-3 6-3 6-7 6-4.
 At A. K. Quist, Wimbledon, 6-2 6-3 6-4.
 At M. L. Wood, Wimbledon, 6-4 6-2 7-5 10-8.
 At H. S. Wood, Wimbledon, 6-3 5-4 7-5 6-7 6-3.
 At J. Crawford, Wimbledon, 6-3 6-0 6-2.
 At J. Fullkirk, Great Britain v. Japan, Eastbourne, 6-1 2-6 6-4 10-8.
 At J. Yamaguchi, Great Britain v. Japan, Eastbourne, 6-7 6-1 6-8 7-5.
 At P. K. Ghilders, Davis Cup Challenge Round, 6-1 6-8 7-5 6-0 6-3.
 At F. D. Wilde, Exhibition, Newcastle, 6-2 6-4 7-5.
 At A. Talbot, American Championships, 6-3 6-1 6-4.
 At C. Schweichardt, American Championships, 6-0 6-1 6-3.
 At M. Duxley, American Championships, 6-3 6-1 6-4.
 At E. W. Feltman, American Championships, 6-3 6-2 6-1.
 At C. B. Butler, American Championships, 6-3 6-0 6-2.
 At V. G. Kirby, American Championships, 6-2 6-4 6-2.
 At W. L. Allison, American Championships, 6-4 6-3 6-4 1-6 6-5 10-12.
 At W. Hines, Los Angeles, 6-4 6-2.
 At O. M. Lott, Los Angeles, 6-0 6-4 6-2.
 At J. van Ties, Los Angeles, 7-5 7-8 6-1.
 At L. H. Stollen, Los Angeles, 10-8 6-4 6-2.
 At M. Kennelly, Berkeley, California, 6-3 6-2.
 At G. Mako, Berkeley, California, 2-6 6-4 6-0.
 At E. G. Chandler, Berkeley, California, 6-4 6-4 6-4 1-6 6-5 10-12.
 At D. Duke, Berkeley, California, 3-6 6-4 7-5 1-6 7-5.
 At C. Angus, Christchurch, N.Z., 7-9 6-1 6-0.

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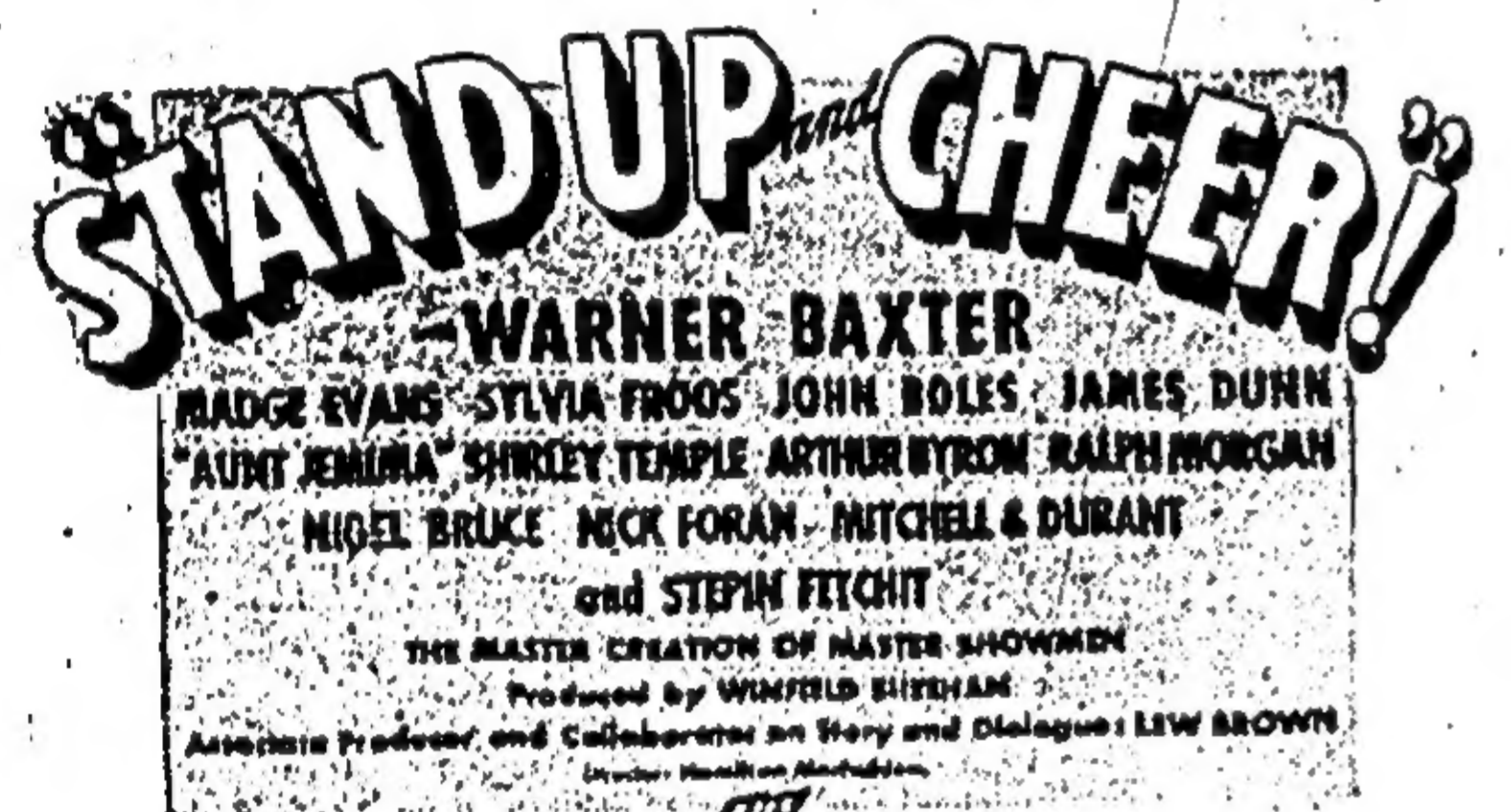
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BIRTH CONCEALED

MARRIED WOMAN SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

"This crime will meet punishment wherever it arises so long as I am on the Bench," said Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy on Monday, when passing sentence of three months' hard labour on Chiu Heung-tai aged 44, married woman, residing at No. 566 Queen's Road West, charged with concealing the birth of a child between December 5 and December 10.

The case attracted a great deal of interest among the Chinese, and the Court room was filled when the woman made her appearance yesterday. At the first hearing two weeks ago, she was not present in Court, being under medical observation.

Baby Stillborn

Defendant admitted the charge, and Mr. Schofield passing sentence said: "In this case, I understand that the facts tend to show that the child was born dead, and the woman herself states that the

FRENCH BUDGET

PEACEFUL APPROVAL BY THE CHAMBER

Paris, Dec. 24. Parliament to-day peacefully approved the Budget which estimates revenue at 2625,000,000 and expenditure at 2640,000,000. Parliament then dispersed for the holidays.—Reuter.

child was stillborn. There is no evidence to the contrary, and there is a small amount of evidence to show it was so.

"The case is unusual, and in view of the great mischief that might follow from cases of this kind, I consider the woman should be punished. After taking everything into consideration, I am of the opinion that she should go to prison for three months with hard labour."

No facts were divulged by Inspector Elston, but the case first came to the attention of the Police when inmates on the ground floor of No. 566 Queen's Road West, found human bones which had been forced down the drain pipe. The gruesome discovery was communicated to the Police, and investigations resulted in the detention of the defendant, who resided on the first floor.

SEAMEW BACK IN COLONY

DAMAGE REPORTED NOT LARGE

H.M.S. Seamew, the river gunboat which ran aground near Mahau whilst doing piracy patrol in a thick fog along the West River early on Saturday morning, returned to Hongkong last night under her own power.

H.M.S. Robin and H.M.S. Cicada had stood by the ship whilst a salvage lighter despatched from the Naval Dockyard effected temporary repairs.

The Seamew was holed in the forepeak and two compartments were flooded, but the damage is reported to be not considerable.

MEMORIALS TO DR. SUN

CANTON TO APPOINT COMMITTEE

Canton, Dec. 24.

The South-West Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has decided to establish a committee to take charge of all buildings constructed in memory of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, such as the Chungshan Memorial Hall, the Chungshan Monument, and the Chungshan Library, and to collect and preserve relics of the late leader.

Messrs. Hsiao Fu-chun, Chow Lu, Lin Yuen-kai, Yin Yih-chung, and Chen Yiu-woon have been appointed to make preparations. The proposed committee is expected to be inaugurated some time next month.—Central Press.

Mrs. Roosevelt In Politics

DEFENDS CONTRACT FOR AIRCRAFT

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 24. Despite the fact that she ardently advocates old age pensions, Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, condemns those who would fight against a contract for the supply

"TELEGRAPH'S" NEW SERIAL

"Lovable" Starting On Thursday

"Lovable," a real action treat, with three heroines, is the next serial story of which the rights have been secured by the Telegraph. It will start in our issue of Thursday. Written by Mary Raymond, the story is full of youthful romantic adventure and will make a wide appeal to lovers of modern fiction.

Start reading it in Thursday's Telegraph and make a point of following the entangling of the lives of three girls on which the story is based.

The contract, let recently, calls for delivery of 71 machines, of the observation type, at a cost of \$1,065,394. It has been argued that the country cannot afford to pay old age pensions, and exponents of that plan declare that it would be better to put to such a purpose money at present being expended on fighting aeroplanes.—United Press.

PRISON FOR PATRICIDE

GIRL'S SENTENCE COMMUTED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Dec. 24.

President Lebrun to-day signed the commutation of the death sentence of Violette Noziers.

The girl, who murdered her father to secure his savings and spend a few days in revelry and luxury in Paris and Marseilles, admitted the crime. She will spend her life in prison.—United Press.

YUNGTING RIVER CONSERVANCY

CHINA TO IMPROVE WATERWAYS

Tientsin, Dec. 25.

The Chinese National Economic Council has resolved to appropriate \$3,400,000 to be paid in several instalments, for financing the conservancy programme of the Yungting River in Hopel, which is a chronic problem for shipping.

The local foreign consular body held a meeting last night in connection with this problem. It was resolved at the meeting that the Chinese authorities be urged to carry out the fundamental conservancy plan of the Yungting River and other water courses for the benefit of shipping interests.—Central News.

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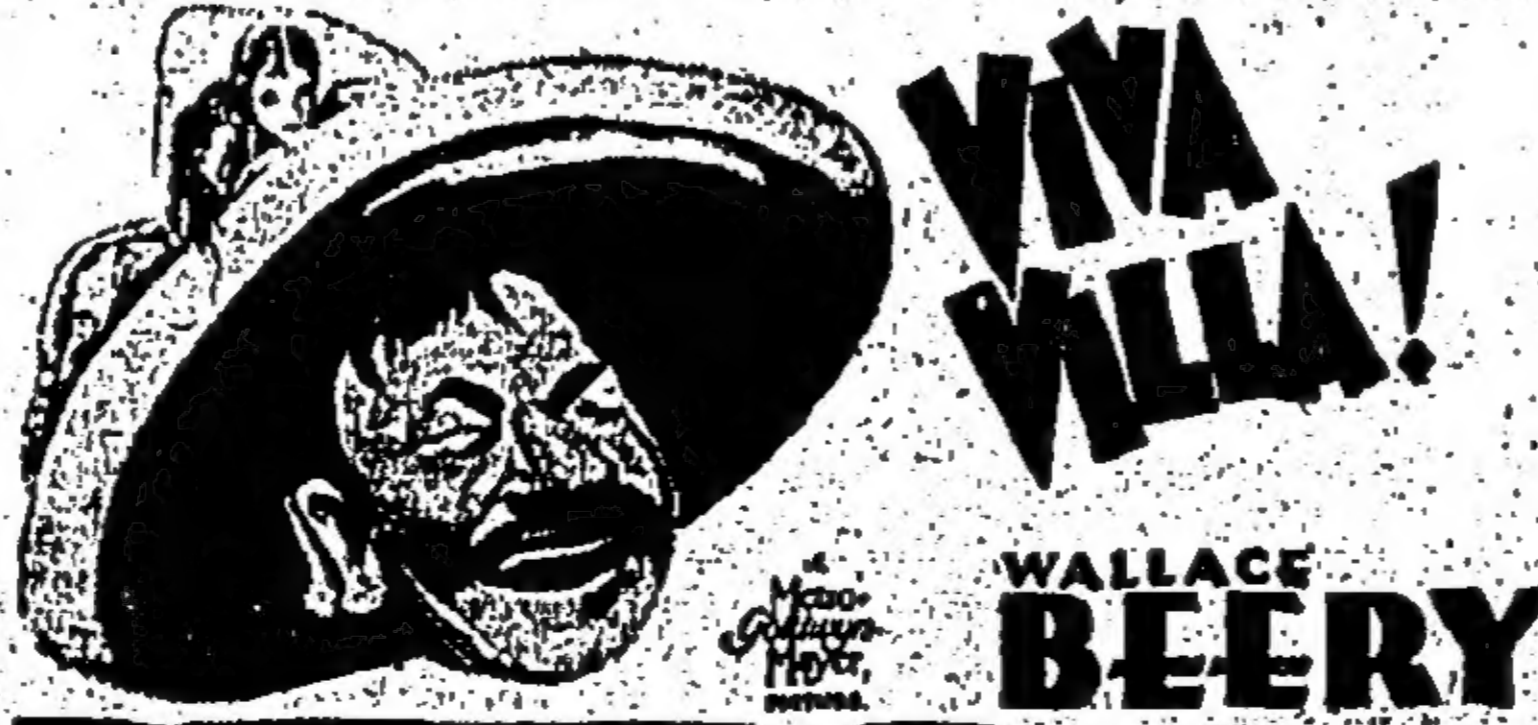
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